THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Planning Commission have cleared Part I of the Calcutta Circular Railway Project envisaging provision of a single line from Dum-Dum to Prinsep Ghat with haulage of trains by diesel locos. By January 1985, in stages, 10 km single line section with diesel haulage from Prinsep Ghat to Ultadanga Road has been commissioned. Further work is in progress.

(b) Upto 31-3-1986, expenditure incurred on Part I of the Calcutta Circular Railway Project has been Rs. 14.40 crores, against its total estimated cost of Rs. 35 crores. For 1986-87, a sum of Rs. 5 crores has been earmarked.

Calcutta Airport

288. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Msnister during his recent visit to Calcutta on October, 17-18 last announced any programme for the improvement of Calcutta Airport; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount specifically allotted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Following the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Calcutta, it has been decided to construct a New International Terminal at Calcutta Airport.

(b) Detailed project report and precise cost estimates are yet to be worked out.

Metro Railway in Calcutta

289. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of construction of the Metro Railway in Calcutta has, of late, slowed own;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the construction is likely to be completed as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Progress of work on Calcutta Metro has suffered to some extent due to unprecedented rains in Calcutta in the month of September, 1986. Pace of work has, however, picked up in October, 1986. Construction of Metro Railway in Calcutta is likely to be completed by December, 1990 as scheduled, subject to availability of adequate funds in the coming years and acquisition by the State Government of land essentially required for construction of this Project.

Adoption of P.T. Usha by the Central Government

290. SHR SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala Government has recommended to the Union Government to adopt Miss P. T. Usha, India's star performer at the Seol Asiad, as the Brazillian Government did in the case of the legendary footballer Pele; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and what action Government have taken in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Kerala State Government have recommended that Km. P. T. Usha be adopted by Government of India as a national athlete as was done by Brazil in the case of legendary footballer Pele. The position in this regard has been ascertained from our Embassy in Brazil, who after contacting the authorities of the National Confederation of Sports, Brazil have indicated that neither Pele nor any other sports person in Brazil has been declared as national asset. Km. P. T. Usha had, however, been already given a special status as an outstanding athlete by providing the following special facilities to her until 31st October, 1986 which have now been extended till 31st October, 1988:—

(i) Provision of a coach for exclusive training, and

(ii) training at her place of choice and to get training facilities and allowances, as are available in a coaching camp, even when she is not in a formal coaching camp.

Resignation by the Chief Athletic Coach Ken Bocen

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292. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the chief athletic coach Ken Bocen has quit his post out of frustration and has taken up a well-paid job in Taiwan;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Patriot' on the 30th September, 1986 in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) The Press report in question has come to the notice of the Government. The main content of the Press report was that Shri Bosen had accepted a job in Taiwan and had resigned his present job. The position has been ascertained from the Director-General, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala, which employs Shri Bosen. Shri Bosen has intimated the Director-General, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala, that he has, in fact, formally refused for 'all time to come' the offer of employment made to him by the Taiwan Athletic Federation. Shri Bosen also continues in his present job in the Institute.

Marketing of analgesic drugs

293. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain analgesic drugs have been allowed to be marketed along with Narcotic drugs, which is major cause of drug related death of addiction prone patients;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing such medicines;

(c) whether such medicines are being sold under narcotic regulations; and